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Note by the Secretariat

The General Assembly, in resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, paragraph 5, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Second Committee for consideration and approval each year a proposed biennial programme of work. The draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1994-1995, which is annexed to the present document, has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority. It also takes into account the draft proposals on which the Second Committee has taken action. The information contained in the annex, including that on documentation, will be updated orally by the Secretariat when the draft biennial programme of work for 1994-1995 is considered by the Committee.

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INTRODUCTION

1. The draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1994-1995, contained in the annex to the present note, has been drawn up according to the provisions of the draft resolution entitled "Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields" (A/48/L.33), which is before the Assembly at its current session. In section E of annex II to that draft resolution, entitled "Division of labour between the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council", the agenda for the Second Committee is set out, and details are given on the items and sub-items for consideration by the Committee and on the periodicity of their consideration.

2. The Secretariat wishes to draw to the attention of the Committee certain provisions of annex II that will have an impact on the agenda items to be allocated to the Committee and on the titles of some of those agenda items:

(a) Pursuant to paragraph 9 of the annex, all reports on special economic assistance to individual countries or regions, strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, and international cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait, which had heretofore been considered by the Second Committee, are to be considered in the plenary of the General Assembly;

(b) The item entitled "International cooperation for economic growth and development", as on the agenda of the current session of the Assembly and indicated in draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.10, has been retitled "Macroeconomic policy questions" (item 2 of the draft programme);

(c) The item entitled "Development and international economic cooperation" has been retitled "Sustainable development and international economic cooperation" (item 3 of the draft programme);

(d) The sub-item entitled "Effective mobilization and integration of women in development" has been retitled "Women in development" (item 3 (e) of the draft programme for 1995);

(e) The sub-item entitled "Entrepreneurship" has been retitled "Business and development" (item 3 (g) of the draft programme for 1995). That title has been used in the programme rather than "Entrepreneurship and privatization for economic growth and sustainable development", which has been requested in draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.56.

3. Maintaining consistency with the provisions of the draft resolution (A/48/L.33) in the elaboration of the draft programme has resulted in a number of discrepancies between (a) items and sub-items as listed in the agenda for the Committee in that draft resolution and (b) requests for agenda items and sub-items contained in existing resolutions of the Assembly and in draft

resolutions and decisions before the Committee at its current session, as follows:

(a) "Report of the International Conference on Population and Development" has been listed in the draft programme as sub-item (d) of item 3 entitled "Sustainable development and international economic cooperation", rather than as a separate item, as indicated in draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.11/Rev.1;

(b) "United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)" has been listed as sub-item (h) of item 3, rather than as a separate item, as indicated in Assembly resolution 47/180;

(c) "International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries" has been listed as sub-item (i) of item 3, rather than as a separate item, as indicated in draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.61, and "International Year for the Eradication of Poverty" has been listed as sub-item (j) of the same item, rather than as a sub-item of an item with the title indicated above, as indicated in draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.60;

(d) "Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development" has been listed as sub-item (a) of item 4 entitled "Environment and sustainable development" rather than as a separate item, as indicated in Assembly resolution 47/191;

(e) The two sub-items entitled "Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas: United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks" and "Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa", have been listed as sub-items (c) and (d) of item 4 rather than as sub-items of an item entitled "Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development" as indicated in draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.44 and the draft resolution contained in document A/48/226/Add.1;

(f) "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind" has been listed as sub-item (b) of item 4 rather than as a separate item as indicated in Assembly resolution 47/195;

(g) "Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States", while not specified in draft resolution A/48/L.33, has been listed as sub-item (e) of item 4 rather than as a separate item as indicated in draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.12.

4. In its efforts to reconcile the provisions of draft resolution A/48/L.33 with existing and pending mandates for items and sub-items, and in its decision to maintain maximum consistency with the Committee's agenda as spelled out in annex II to the draft resolution, the Secretariat has attempted to be true both to the letter and to the spirit of the wishes of delegations as expressed in that text. According to paragraph 11 of annex I to the draft resolution, the purpose of the dialogue in the Assembly - a dialogue that is based on the items for consideration and on the documentation submitted under those items - "is to

take an integrated view of matters relating to the economic, social and related fields in order to build and deepen the political understanding required for enhanced international development cooperation, to generate impulses for action and to launch initiatives". It is believed that the Second Committee agenda elaborated in draft resolution A/48/L.33, and presented in the attached draft biennial programme of work, is a prime step towards assuring such an integrated view and an integrated consideration of items before the Committee.

ANNEX

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1994-1995 a/

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council b/

(a) United Nations Population Award

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112 of 26 April 1982)

(b) Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the occupied Syrian Golan (Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/52 of 29 July 1993 and General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.17) c/

(c) Review of the arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report of the Working Group to review the arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations (Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/80) c/

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council (Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/80 and decision 1993/214)

(d) Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in compliance with the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (General Assembly resolution 44/170 of 19 December 1989) c/

Item 2. Macroeconomic policy questions

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

(b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration and on the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (General Assembly resolutions 45/199 of 21 December 1990, 47/152 of 18 December 1992 and A/C.2/48/L.10)

(c) External debt crisis and development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.5

(d) Net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/178 of 22 December 1992 on the net transfer of resources between developing countries and developed countries

Item 3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Documentation — Final version of the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (General Assembly resolutions 44/77 of 8 December 1989, 44/171 of 19 December 1989 and A/C.3/48/L.33)

Report of the Secretary-General on an agenda for development (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.28)

(a) Trade and development

Documentation — Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/186 of 22 December 1992 on specific measures in favour of island developing countries

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on assistance to land-locked States in Central Asia and Transcaucasia (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.23)

Report of the Secretary-General on institutional developments related to the strengthening of international organizations in the area of multilateral trade (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.55)

(b) Food and agricultural development

Documentation — Report of the World Food Council c/

Report of the Secretary-General on food production, including agro-industrial products, international markets for agricultural and tropical products, and the state of global food security (General Assembly resolution 47/149 of 18 December 1992)

Report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/20 on emergency action to combat the locust infestation in Africa

(c) Report of the International Conference on Population and Development

Documentation — Report of the Conference (Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/93 of 26 July 1991 and General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.11/Rev.1)

(d) Commodities

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on potential developmental linkages between the commodity sector and other sectors of the economy (General Assembly resolution 47/185)

(e) Cultural development

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the summary evaluation report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the global mid-term review of the World Decade for Cultural Development (General Assembly resolution 46/157 of 19 December 1991 and Economic and Social Council decision 1993/209) c/

(f) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.6/Rev.1)

(g) Industrial development cooperation

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/153 of 18 December 1992 on industrial development cooperation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/177 of 22 December 1992, on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, 1991-2000

(h) United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the progress in the work of the Preparatory Committee for the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (General Assembly resolutions 47/180 of 22 December 1992 and A/C.2/48/L.37)

(i) International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.61)

(j) International Year for the Eradication of Poverty

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for and observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.60)

Item 4. Environment and sustainable development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/215 on large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas (General Assembly decision A/C.2/48/L.49)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.58 on the strengthening of the United Nations Environment Programme

(a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General containing recommendations on a special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of Agenda 21 of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (General Assembly resolution 47/190 of 22 December 1992)

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its second session (General Assembly resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992)

(b) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/195 of 22 December 1992

(c) Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas: United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Documentation — Report of the Conference (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.44)

(d) Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/___

(e) Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Documentation — Report of the Conference (General Assembly resolutions 47/189 of 22 December 1992 and A/C.2/48/L.12)

Item 5. Operational activities for development

Documentation — Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/217 on the World Summit for Children (General Assembly decision A/C.2/48/L.59)

Item 6. Training and research

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.71)

United Nations University

Documentation — Report of the Council of the United Nations University

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council e/

(a) Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1997-1998

Documentation — Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

(b) International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made during the first half of the 1990s (General Assembly resolution 45/181 of 21 December 1990) c/

(c) Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) (Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/51) c/

Item 2. Macroeconomic policy questions

(a) Financing of development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of the potential sources of financing of development (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.4)

(b) Long-term trends in social and economic development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000 (General Assembly resolution 43/194 of 20 December 1988)

Item 3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

(a) Trade and development

Documentation — Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964) c/

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on negotiations on an international code of conduct on the transfer of technology (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.14)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.21 on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries

Report of the Secretary-General on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.22)

(b) Human settlements

Documentation — Report of the Commission on Human Settlements, including the report of the Commission on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (General Assembly resolutions 32/162 of 19 December 1977 and 43/180 and 43/181 of 20 December 1988) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress in the work of the Preparatory Committee for the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (General Assembly resolution 47/180 of 22 December 1992)

(c) Science and technology for development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.16

(d) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.8

(e) Women in development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolution 42/178 of 11 December 1987) c/

(f) Human resources development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.56

(g) Business and development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on policies and activities related to entrepreneurship and privatization (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.34)

(h) International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/196 of 22 December 1992

Item 4. Environment and sustainable development

Documentation — Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, including the Programme's activities in environmental monitoring (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 and A/C.2/48/L.47) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolution 34/173 of 17 December 1979) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.49)

(a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation — Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission for Sustainable Development on its third session (General Assembly resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992)

(b) Desertification and drought

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (General Assembly resolutions 3054 (XXVIII) of 17 October 1973, 32/172 of 19 December 1977, 40/209 of 17 December 1985 and A/C.2/48/L.66) c/

Item 5. Operational activities for development

(a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities undertaken by the United Nations development system (General Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992) c/

Question for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

United Nations interim offices (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.70)

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of technical cooperation among developing countries in the United Nations development system and on the follow-up of General Assembly resolutior A/C.2/48/L.54

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.25 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/48/L.67)

Notes

a/ The Second Committee will, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

b/ The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1994.

c/ Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

d/ The programme of work and documentation list for 1995 will be updated in 1994, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

e/ The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Council completes its work in 1995.